

9. (Amended) The redundant changeover apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the clock changing unit comprises a PLL circuit.

10. (Amended) A node device comprising the redundant changeover apparatus as claimed in claim 1, provided in duplicate for same transmission lines of working system and a protection system to generate outputs of the clock changing unit of the working system and the protection system.

Please add the following new claim:

12. (New) The redundant changeover apparatus as claimed in claim 2 wherein the input signals comprise working input signals and protection input signals from a wavelength division multiplexing device forming a ring network.